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EYES ONLY  
FOR KELLY JOHNSON

1. MISSION 6734 WAS FLOWN 29 OCTOBER 1967. PART OF THE PILOT'S REPORT IS QUOTED FOR YOUR INFO.

"THE AIRCRAFT PERFORMED VERY WELL WITH ONLY MINOR WRITEUPS. WENT TO 85M FT ON THE LEG GOING IN AND THE TEMPERATURE SEEMED VERY COLD ABOVE 80M TODAY. AT THE PENETRATION TURN AFTER STEELBRIDGE, HE DID LOSE ALTITUDE FROM 78M TO 75.5 OR SO, BUT REGAINED IT QUICKLY AND WENT TO 83.5M AND ALMOST 3.20MN WHEN THE EWS ACTIVITY STARTED. CIT NEVER WENT ABOVE 390 DEG. THE EWS ACTIVITY WAS TOO CLOSE FOR COMFORT AND HE WAS SOMEWHAT SHAKEN UP. ON THE LEG IN HE PICKED UP MAD MOTH AND BLUE DOG ACTIVITY OVER KEP AIRFIELD FOR JUST A SHORT WHILE. HE DID NOT FEEL ANY MISSILES WERE FIRED. (LATER INFO SHOWED ONE LAUNCHED) ON THE RETURN LEG, HE GOT MAD MOTH LITE FOLLOWED ALMOST SIMULTANEOUSLY BY THE 2 LI LITES. THIS WAS 158 NM

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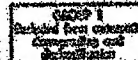
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TO POSITION 10 OR JUST ABOUT OVER BAN PUOI. THERE WERE NO DF LITES. HE PUT UP HIS REAR PERISCOPE WHICH HAS A PRETTY NARROW FIELD OF VISION AND ALMOST IMMEDIATELY SAW 3 CONTRAILS GOING UP BEHIND HIM. THEY APPEARED TO GO UP TO ABOUT 90M FT AND BEND OVER TOWARDS HIM AND CONVERGING ON HIM. THEY CAME DOWN AND LEVELED OUT BEHIND HIM. ALL THE WHILE CONVERGING ON HIM AND COMING CLOSE. HE WAS ABLE TO SEE ALL THREE BURST AND THEY APPEARED VERY CLOSE. AS THE 3 WERE COMING UP BEHIND, HE GLANCED OUT TO THE RIGHT AND SAW ONE ABOUT 200-300 YARDS TO THE RIGHT OF THE COCKPIT. IT WAS SO CLOSE THAT HE COULD SEE IT SPINNING AND IN AN APPARENT TIGHT SPIRAL. IT WAS IN A PRETTY STEEP ANGLE IN HIS DIRECTION OF FLIGHT AND CONNING. AS HE PASSED ABOUT HANOI, HE THINKS, HE LOOKED BACK AND SAW ALL THE CONTRAILS THAT HAD CONVERGED ON HIM AND HE FEELS THERE WERE SIX, THOUGH IT WAS DIFFICULT TO TELL EXACTLY. IN ANY EVENT HE SAW FOUR ACTUAL MISSILES. OUR SYS VI PEOPLE ON THEIR LIMITED READOUT SHOW THAT ONE MISSILE WAS FIRED AT

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[ ] OVER KEP AND 5 DEFINITELY FIRED AT HIM OVER HANOI  
COMING OUT."

2. THE FRAGMENT HAS BEEN RECOVERED. IT PLUS THE DAMAGED  
FILLET, SHIN AND HAT SECTION AREAS ARE BEING FORWARDED TO

[ ] REQUEST [ ] EXAMINE THESE  
ITEMS TO DETERMINE IF POSSIBLE:

- A. COMPOSITION OF FRAGMENT
- B. PROBABLE SOURCE OF FRAGMENT
- C. VELOCITY AT IMPACT.
- D. ANY OTHER INFO WHICH MIGHT SHOW RELATION TO MISSILE  
WAR HEAD AND OR WAR HEAD CHARACTERISTICS.

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